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To All Members,

A few weeks ago an independent outside audit of CAP's computer systems revealed a number of potential security weaknesses. Among these was the interface between WMIRS and the IMU, and this interface was temporarily suspended until the situation could be more carefully reviewed. We would like to update you on the current status and forward plans for the IMU.

The IMU currently provides some additional functionality for mission management and a steering committee has been established to develop a plan for integrating IMU functionality with WMIRS. The new system is provisionally called the IMS, or Incident Management System. This system will take some time to design and develop. Because IMU is the only remaining system that was allowed to push data into WMIRS, an interim plan has been developed to restore IMU functionality while IMS development proceeds.

The NHQ IT team is working on the new WMIRS/IMU interface as a high priority project. With National Board rapidly approaching, this interface may not be completed until sometime in September. We recognize this imposes some disruption to operations, and ask for your understanding that security concerns needed to be addressed. The interface will allow data transfer within the rules and security requirements necessary to assure system integrity.

Once the new interface is completed, the IMU will be available directly from the CAP NHQ website. It will continue to be available until the new IMS system is completed. Wings currently using the IMU will be able to resume use of IMU after downloading the new upgrades. It is not recommended that new wings attempt to move to IMU as this would require the members of the wing to learn an interim system only to be required to move to another system soon after the members are comfortable in the old system.

As soon as information is available on the timing for IMS we will share this with the field. We appreciate everyone's patience while we implement this transition.

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